

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (New) A system for loading and unloading loose airplane cargo, comprising:

an intermediate conveyor, disposed within a cargo hold of an airplane, including:

a transverse conveyor, including a conveyor belt oriented along a transverse axis of the airplane, extendable through an opening in the cargo hold, and

a longitudinal conveyor, including a frame supporting a conveyor belt oriented along a longitudinal axis of the airplane, linked to the transverse conveyor and pivotable with respect thereto; and

a transport means, disposed within the cargo hold of the airplane and oriented along the longitudinal axis of the airplane, including an end located adjacent to the longitudinal conveyor.

62. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein the conveyor belt is length-modifiable.

62. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein the transport means is a transport carpet.

63. (New) The system of claim 61, wherein the transverse conveyor receives loose cargo from, and dispatches loose cargo to, a tarmac conveyor.